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KOJE ISLAND, COMPOUND 76, AFTER THE FLAME-THROWERS

Give sorrow; the grief that does not speak
Whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break.
—Shakespeare: Macbeth

U. S. AND BRITISH PRISONERS IN A NORTH KOREAN PW CAMP

Dear is my friend—yet from my foe, as from my friend, comes good:
My friend shows what I can do, and my foe what I should.
—Schiller: Votive Tablets

McCarran-Walter (Nuremberg) Law passed; Pressure on Truman for veto is urged

THE McCarran - Walter immigration bill, tagged by opponents as this country's Nuremberg Laws, was on President Truman's desk last week with no indication that he would veto it as predicted by Senators who fought its passage. The Washington **Post** reported (6/12):

> **There are growing indications . . . that the President may let the bill become law while expressing dissatisfaction with some portions of it.**

Before passage of the final version of the bill, which had gone to conference to adjust minor differences, four Senators called on Truman to veto; he refused to commit himself. The House vote was 203 to 53, more than enough to override a veto. The Senate passed the measure by voice vote with only 18 members present.

ALL RIGHTS "NEGATED": The American Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born, one of hundreds of opposing organizations, urged all groups and individuals to work for a veto:

> **Smacking of the dictatorial tyranny more in keeping with a police-state than an alleged democracy, this bill would completely negate rights of non-citizens and naturalized citizens, rights which have been guaranteed constitutionally as well as those rights inherent in any interpretation of democratic pretense.**

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N. Y.) warned in his closing speech in the debate that if this "iniquitous measure" should become law,

> **". . . the very meaning of America, as most of us know it, would be radically affected, that hundreds of thousands af aliens in this country, and hundreds of thousands of naturalized and even native-born citizens, would be seriously affected. . . . [It presents] incipient dangers to our ideals of justice and equity, built-in prejudices and suspicion of foreigners . . . revalidation of the discredited theory of racial origins."**

CONFERENCE JUNE 28: Under existing laws foreign-born in the U. S. continued to have a rough time. As a result of a recent Supreme Court decision, the West Coast group known as the "Terminal Island Four" face a return to indefinite detention unless protests to the Atty. General secure their right to remain on bail. In New York the ACPFB recently conducted a conference of representatives of regional defense committees, decided to concentrate on winning bail for Martin Young, held more than seven months on Ellis Island (GUARDIAN, April 9), and on preventing deportation to Greece of Peter Harisiades, held without bail on Ellis Island since May 29.

The Trade Union Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born has called an Eastern Seaboard Workshop Conference for the June 28 week-end at the Fur Workers Resort at White Lake, N. Y., to plan defense of more than 200 unionists—mostly past or present leaders—now under deportation proceedings.

WAR & PEACE

U.S. waves the H-Bomb as Allies ask Soviet talks

AS the hollowness of Washington's military pretensions and of pretentions that its policies had anything to do with democracy were simultaneously exposed, it strove to hold back the tide of "allied" resistance with further shows of force. The House passed 332 to 7 a $2.7 billion measure providing for "secret overseas airbases" for atomic "'saturation' raids against the Soviet Union" (N. Y. **Times**, 6/13). The "unsinkable aircraft-carrier" of Britain received from the U. S. 120 jet bombers equipped—as the Pentagon loudly hinted—with tactical atomic weapons. U. S. **News** (5/23), reporting that air strategists are "experimenting all over the Arctic" whose "goal is to give the U. S. plenty of military power within bomber reach of Moscow," described plans for "the biggest, most costly airbase in the world" in N-W Greenland. Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.) urged that "peace" be "waged" with "1,000 or more H-bombs" (N. Y. **Herald Tribune**, 6/15).

Spy plots got more headlines. Sweden put on trial a Communist leader from Lapland and his "gang" of six. In London a code clerk in Britain's Moscow Embassy was charged with passing information to a Soviet diplomat. In a Paris magistrate's court arrested Communist leader Duclos took the offensive, charged police with stealing the money in his briefcase, and declared that Hitler's Reichstag Fire hoax was being repeated. A plot was even seen in a Moscow switch of diplomats in several major countries, which the **Times** headlined as a "BID TO SPLIT ALLIES." The splits were already there.

South Korea's Syngman Rhee, using Washington's own device of being too busy exposing a "Red plot" against himself to fuss with formalities, followed up his arrest of 11 Assembly members and threats to kick out UN agencies by banning the Voice of America and imposing total censorship over U. S. periodicals. Rhee rejected two protests from the U. S. Embassy, which was reported "very much amazed." In Indo-China another Premier was fired, this time by the King of Cambodia who announced he would take the job himself for the next three years.

Herblock in Washington **Post**

"There—that's much better."

Ipswich Peace Council, England

New Koje massacre

The fighting in Korea was mostly against Chinese-Korean POW's on Koje Island, where 6,000 UN troops had reportedly been massed. After a dress rehearsal for POWs' edification in vacant Compound 74, in which "battle-tested U. S. paratroopers threw tear gas while flame-throwers fired the wooden buildings and tanks knocked down the brick walls" (**Reuters**, 6/9), the crowded Compound 76 was invaded in identical manner. Inmates tried to defend themselves with home-made spears but were overcome and marched off to be split into smaller groups, leaving 85 POW's wounded; one American dead; and a POW death-toll totaling 40 by Saturday, when camp commandant Gen. Boatner who directed the carnage said "the worst is over."

The massacre was a further outgrowth of POW protests again "screening" by Rhee Koreans and Chiang Chinese which was said to have shown that less than half of them wanted to go home. London's **New Statesman & Nation** commented (6/7):

> **. . . Existing conditions make nonsense of the Americans' claim to have ascertained effectively the prisoners' wishes about repatriation.**

The ultra-Tory **Daily Telegraph** (quoted by **AP**, 6/12) wrote grimly of the

> **. . . situation [in Korea] which is in almost every respect deplorable. . . . Barely credible developments on Koje . . . the tragic farce of the true negotiations.**

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A million shrouds

The Federal Civil Defense Administration is studying the task of burying the dead after an A-bomb attack, which it estimates would amount to 40,000 in the average city after one bomb fell.

AP reported (6/16) that FCDA will ask Congress for $2,100,000 to stockpile a million "drab plastic" shrouds. It added:

> **Embalming would be entirely unfeasible. . . . There would be no time or personnel to take fingerprints or photographs. To permit relatives and friends to file past . . . in the hope of spotting their missing loved ones would be impractical. . . . If 40,000 bodies were laid out in two rows the aisle between them would be 20 miles long.**

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REPORT TO READERS

Will you . . . today?

THAT YELLOW ENVELOPE we have been calling to your attention recently, is one we mailed to you just a month ago this week with our spring letter to all subscribers.

We asked for your subscription renewal if due now or in the near future and for a small helping for the summer months for those able to respond.

The response thus far has been unusually gratifying, but by far the large majority remain to be heard from.

ARE YOU ONE who has not yet replied? If so, please hunt up our letter with the tell-tale yellow envelope and the simple reply card and let us hear from you this week. From now on through Labor Day at least, we will have little space to devote to "family matters" such as this, so we earnestly urge your attention to this request.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED, please accept this as interim acknowledgment. You will be hearing from us more personally early in July. All our thanks—to all.

THE EDITORS

THE MAIL BAG

The prisoner exchange

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Here's a simple but very practical suggestion for the leaders of the North Koreans and Chinese on the exchange of war prisoners. Let them say to the U.S.-UN: "You refuse to abide by the Geneva Convention which calls for the total exchange of war prisoners. You insist on screening war prisoners, which is a violation of the Geneva regulations. O. K. However, if after such a screening suppose you decide to return to us only 67% of the prisoners you hold. We will not violate international law by screening war prisoners, but we will then return to you only 67% of the prisoners we hold. Return all our men, we'll return all of yours."

Carl Jefferson

Tell the UN

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

This morning on WQXR (N. Y. Times station) the news report said the UN made a suggestion that all prisoners be returned and let them choose their own way. I wrote a letter to UN Secy. Gen. Trygve Lie asking the UN to have the courage to press for that solution as the people are all for peace. I think thousands of letters should besiege the UN. (The broadcast of this news wasn't repeated again as were lots of other items). **Essie Holston**

Naturally . . .

GLEN WILD, N. Y.

I am 10 years, 11 months old. I go to school in Woodridge, and I am in the sixth grade. Naturally, we have a sub to the GUARDIAN. The ALP Club up here in Sullivan County gets 50 GUARDIANS a week. I took on the job of wrapping them, addressing them, and mailing them to different people. I read the paper all the time and like it very much. **Allen Young**

Only living matter

E. PALATKA, FLA.

The following quotation from James Forrestal in 1949 is a striking epilogue to Jim Aronson's excellent resume of the evidence on germ warfare by the U. S. in Korea (GUARDIAN, May 29). It reveals how capitalism rates human life as of less value than capital investment in "buildings and other structures." Here it is:

"The atomic bomb destroys not only life but also buildings and other structures. . . . Biological-warfare agents, on the other hand, affect only living matter, do not destroy material structures and, in most cases are non-persistent."

Frederick A. Blossom

How crazy can you get dept.

. . . Political diapers . . . will go before the consumer populace at some St. Louis stores tomorrow. Baby Democrats are offered diapers with a donkey's picture imprinted on them, baby Republicans with an elephant's picture . . . in lemon drop yellow, jelly bean blue and pistachio green. They are called "partisan panties."

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, June 8.

Free one-year sub to sender of each item printed under this head. Winner: Roy Wohl, St. Louis.

$50 heading our way?

OAKLAND, CALIF.

I have sent a letter on bacteriological warfare to the following large publications. (I have challenged them to print the other side for a change): The Christian Science Monitor, Washington Post, Portland Oregonian, Townsend National Weekly, Salt Lake Tribune, Detroit News, San Francisco Chronicle, and Minneapolis Star. Now, as I am unable to adequately check the above papers, I will give $50 to the GUARDIAN for the first clipping of this letter that may be sent to me.

Basil Maddy
2812 E. 23d St.

French fried Francos?

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

In your May 29 issue I was much surprised to learn potatoes are coming from Spain. Not long ago, perhaps a year or so, we sold to Spain some of our "oversupply" for about $1 per 100 lbs. When I say "we sold" I refer, of course, to our government selling. Are these the same spuds we are now buying back? If so, at what price? **H. B.**

The Friendship Book

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

I am enclosing some information about a proposed FRIENDSHIP BOOK—a book to be made up of messages from ordinary men, women and children on the importance of U.S.-Soviet friendship to our country.

We have already received a number of letters. However before we can make plans for publication we must reach larger sources of potential writers of the peace messages. I am sure that such a peace project will catch the interest of GUARDIAN readers.

More information may be had by writing to me.

Irene Miller
ARI, 101 Post St.

The Dutch on Dulles

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF.

Under the caption **A La Hitler, the Groene Amsterdammer**—76-year old liberal Dutch weekly—recently printed a short article on John Foster Dulles. Evidently, Mr. Dulles is well-known in European circles and not well-beloved. The **Groene Amsterdammer**, after quoting from a speech by Dulles in Des Moines earlier this year, concluded:

"Is it not about time for a European statesman of stature to say quietly and determinedly and very audibly that if our American friends should want to base their policy on insanities a la Hitler, as they are currently propounded by Mr. Dulles, Western Europe shall decidedly decline to join in the party? Those who know Americans, know that candor of this type could not help but be appreciated by the majority of Americans."

Edward Schindeler

"PRESENT ARMS"

Action, Paris

"AT EASE"

The Rosenberg Memorandum

NEW YORK, N. Y.

As one who had protested to the ACLU on their non-intervention in the Rosenberg Case, I received a copy of Herbert Monte Levy's astounding Memorandum and I wholeheartedly subscribe to your excellent reply published in the GUARDIAN May 29. But I would like to bring out one point you omitted. On the second page (b) it reads:

"The crime of atomic espionage was a different crime from that of treason and there is no reason why the legislature could not have created such a crime and made it punishable by death. It was agreed that the legislature could always create crimes. . . ."

Article 1, Section 9, of the Constitution of the U. S. reads: "No Bill of Attainder or EX POST FACTO LAW shall be passed." To make it perfectly clear that the "created" law was ex-post facto, (a) on page 2 contains the statement:

". . . Congress may well have had reasons for concluding that unauthorized disclosure of atomic secrets, even to a friendly country, warranted the death penalty."

So it is not merely the Bill of Rights that the ACLU repudiates, it repudiates the basic Constitution.

Margaret A. Fellows

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

These are excerpts from an open letter to the Board of Directors of the ACLU:

I joined the ACLU and support its activities because I consider it one of the leading organizations in the fight for the presentation of liberties and civil rights of all people, regardless of their race, creed, color or political beliefs. The Union has always thoroughly studied a situation or case before taking a position in the matter.

I was therefore shocked and disturbed to learn that a "memorandum" on ACLU stationery was circulated by the American Jewish Congress concerning the Rosenberg Case. Said memorandum also bore the name of Herbert Monte Levy, Staff Counsel of the Union. Even from the limited reading of the official reports and decisions in the Rosenberg Case, I find that there are many discrepancies in the memorandum, which discrepancies could easily have been overcome or corrected had there been the usual careful study of the case by the Union. **William B. Cherevas**

1929—but different

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

This year, 1952, is a year heading for political and financial chaos. Any nation whose prosperity is based on war and destruction and outright murder of innocent people to stave off a depression is due for a financial collapse—and a change of political parties. Wall Street—through the U.S. government—is afraid to sign a peace pact in Korea for fear of a depression. It's coming, anyway. This depression will be a different one from the 1929 stock market crash and the bank crash in 1933. Time to wake up before you are caught in this one. **C. M. Cassell**

To the point

LAWRENCE, MASS.

The coming conventions of the two old parties will be the usual meetings of many minds with a single thoughtlessness for the people. **Y. L. K.**

Giant in bonds

SEATTLE, WASH.

The following letter was turned down by a local editor of apparently progressive leanings. He objected to the part emphasized here, especially the word "piddling":

"'We Negro people are very mature in our political understanding. We may not act at once upon what we sense and know—but we know." (Robeson in Freedom, Oct., 1951).'

"Intensive and extensive acquaintance with Negroes here confirms this. They have learned the hardest way things in which we have only dabbled. For them screening goes back three centuries—for us a few years at most. They lack our long tradition of voting, of legal protection, and act accordingly.

"American Negroes are like a giant in bonds. When, with our necessary and welcome aid, those bonds are broken, **they will not be content with the piddling rights we have.**"

E. M. Fitzroy

Without marijuana

RICHMOND, CALIF.

Of course Moscow would broadcast repeatedly the statement of Prof. Oyama (4/23) that "the best answer Japan could give to the rearmament foisted upon us is our determination never again to take the path of killing Asian people." Moscow also may have given considerable prominence to the statement of the Pakistan representative to the UN that our refusal to back the Tunisian request for a UN hearing would be "spitting in the face of Asia."

The important matter is not to crystal-gaze Moscow's mind. As long as we "spit in faces" and "foist rearmament" we make very likely the day of reckoning which attends such actions, without Moscow. Many non-Asians, Europeans in fact, resent our "foisting rearmament." My authority for that statement is the daily press, none too reliable, but not open to the charge of liberalism.

Maybe Dean Acheson and the Alsop brothers are merely delayed adolescents whose Asian attitude stems from persistence in reading Kipling. But to believe that demands marijuana, which few of us have, and time to speculate on trivia, which few of us have.

Sticking to facts and sound sense, avoiding wild guesses, will lead to peace and preservation of the Constitution of the U.S.

Samuel Ginsburg

The Hallinan Waltz?

ELKINS, W. VA.

I have the melody for a waltz that I wrote many years ago. Would like to find a collaborator to write words for a song to be used in the Progressive Party campaign. I will make no charge for the use of the waltz. **Rene Auville**
11 Jackson Lane

We and they

WEST HAVEN, CONN.

We are watching Soviet Russia and doing exactly opposite. When Russia lowers the price on food, we raise it. Russia is increasing the crops and we are hiding potatoes. Russia is building canals and dams, but we let our rivers overflow every year. Russia is raising the material and cultural standard of the people and we are lowering it. Russia is for trade among nations, and we are for embargo. Russia is for equality and self-rule of every nation, and we are striving to buy and rule by bayonets and microbes the whole world. Russia is for peace—but we are obsessed by war mania. **Mary Ragoza**

John Goforth

Progressives and fellow-miners mourn the loss of John Goforth, who last month was killed at work when he fell down a mine shaft. John Goforth had been 1st District vice-pres. of the Montana PP, polled 4,439 votes when he ran for state representative from Silver Bow Co. in 1950, 30% of the vote for alderman from Butte's 5th ward in '51.

Ludvas Matyi, Budapest

MORE U.S. BASES IN ENGLAND

WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO EDUCATORS WHO SPOKE OUT

World-wide protest on germ war grows

By James Aronson

DR. GENE WELTFISH is a social scientist of wide repute, a teacher of anthropology at Columbia University, co-author with Ruth Benedict of **The Races of Mankind.** Believing that science-in-a-vacuum is useless, she has long applied her knowledge to the benefit of mankind and has become a familiar and respected figure on peace platforms.

On June 5 she spoke at a New York meeting called to hear reports by delegates to the Intl. Conference in Defense of Children in Vienna in April, a conference which discussed the effects on children of war and the threat of war. She spoke of the charges of germ war in Korea, the admitted wide-scale bacteriological warfare research in the U.S., quoted Gen. H. H. Arnold as calling BW an "ideal weapon."

EVIDENCE ENOUGH: In the audience of 1,000 were three persons who took exception to her remarks and sent a telegram of protest to Dr. Grayson Kirk, provost of Columbia. The N.Y. **World-Telegram,** always on the prowl to increase the ranks of unemployed progressives, in a p. 1 story next day said Dr. Weltfish had accused the U.S. of using BW. On June 11 Dr. Weltfish called a press conference, said she was "not equipped" to make such an accusation but felt the evidence was "cumulative material which should be evaluated and brought to the attention of the American people."

She had arranged for the reporters to interview by phone Dr. James G. Endicott, Canadian minister who investigated BW charges on the scene in China (GUARDIAN, May 29). Dr. Endicott repeated that he was convinced the charges were true, could not be budged by hostile questioning.

Dr. Weltfish, in a statement to the press, summed up:

> "I urge women of whatever political party to take action on this matter, through the platform of their party conventions, their candidates, and their present officials. Practical steps must be taken to outlaw biological warfare as an aggressive weapon. Such aggression, even as a plan of retaliation, will not save us from attack from a thousand directions and, once started, such a process can have no end. No one knows what harm assorted germs from all parts of the world will do, once they are let loose on different soil. If we multiply our health services a hundredfold, we will have far more protection from bacteriological attack than any other method. . . ."

DR. GENE WELTFISH
Let the people know

ROSEBURY PROTESTS: Calls for outlawing of BW came last week from two other significant quarters:

- In New Delhi Prime Minister Nehru asked India to take the lead in getting all nations to declare against the use of "horrible modern weapons against any country."
- In the U.S. Theodor Rosebury, director of bacteriological warfare research at Camp Detrick, Md., during World War II, joined 40 prominent Americans in a letter to President Truman insisting on U.S. ratification of the Geneva Convention banning BW. The letter said:

> As we recall the purposeful and planned destruction of the Korean countryside, the command to "kill anything that moves," the million casualties among Korean civilians, the vast sums of money being spent by the U.S. on bacteriological warfare research and the boasting by military spokesmen of our progress in this field, we can understand how the world can believe that those who would use burning gasoline would not hesitate to employ death-dealing bacteria.

INVESTIGATION? Pressure increased meanwhile for an impartial investigation of the charges.

Last March the State Dept. proposed an on-the-spot inquiry by the Red Cross or by a UN commission. The proposals were rejected by the North Koreans and Chinese on two grounds: (1) that the Red Cross had proved itself woefully feeble as an investigating agency (it had whitewashed Nazi concentration camps in World War II); (2) a UN investigation would be absurd since "UN" is a participant in the war.

In April the Paris daily **Humanite** asked this question of Kuo Mo-jo, Vice-Premier of China and chairman of the Chinese Academy of Sciences:

> What should be the conditions for the choice of an international investigation initiated by the Bureau of the World Peace Council on a proposal by China?

Kuo Mo-jo replied:

> None. The Chinese and Korean peoples will surely welcome any prominent figures so long as they are impartial and self-sacrificing. It is an exacting and serious task to come to China and Korea to investigate bacteriological warfare crimes. They must be prepared to risk their lives and challenge the forces of violence.

NO PLACE BACK HOME: One impartial investigator had brought home to him sharply the meaning of challenge. He was Dr. Heinrich Brandweiner, prof. of canon law at the University of Graz (U.S. Zone of Austria). He was chairman of the Fedn. of Democratic Lawyers' commission of eight (five of them, including Dr. Brandweiner, non-Communists) who investigated the germ-war charges on-the-spot in March and unanimously found the charges valid (GUARDIAN, April 23). On his return to Graz, Dr. Brandweiner was fired.

On May 29 he spoke before a meeting of thousands in Prague. GUARDIAN's George Wheeler reported:

LT. JOHN QUINN
The dates were the same

> Dr. Brandweiner is a calm man whose manner of speech reflected his legal training. But when he reported on the findings he could not keep the bitter indignation from his voice. . . . He noted that the commission accepted as evidence only what they saw with their own eyes, or facts which could otherwise be verified in a manner accepted in international law. He told in a low voice, as if he himself were still reluctant to repeat or believe, of the perverted atrocities practiced by U.S. troops. When he told of the sadism with which our troops mutilated a beautiful young woman patriot a moan swept through the audience.
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> The rest of the world is losing patience with America. As scientific evidence pours in, documents, photographs, sound recordings, moving pictures and eye-witness reports of the atrocities U.S. armed forces are committing in Korea, the anger of decent people is rising.

The Chinese since have said officially they would agree to an inquiry by a delegation of qualified scientists; the U.S. and UN have made no reply.

WHAT QUINN SAID: There was an aftermath to the statements by two captured U.S. Air Force officers that they had participated in germ bombings (GUARDIAN, May 29). The U.S. wire services (which had largely ignored news of the capture and contents of the deposition) rushed to interview the wife of one flyer, Mrs. John Quinn, of Los Angeles. This is how **INS** (Hearst) reported the interview:

> A Chinese Communist radio broadcast that quoted an American airman as "confessing" that he dropped germ bombs on Korean troops was branded a lie today by the pilot's family. Mrs. Mildred Quinn, wife of pilot 1st Lt. John Quinn, 30, said: "My husband did not go overseas until last November. In August we were still together at Langley Field, Va." The Red broadcast claimed Quinn confessed he had attended a "bacteriological warfare school" in Japan in August.

The Chinese broadcast, a transcript of which the GUARDIAN received, did not say that Quinn had attended the germ-war briefing class in August; it said the August class had been attended by 1st. Lt. Kenneth L. Enoch, the other captive. The dates in the deposition given by Quinn corroborated those given by his wife. This is a quote from Quinn's deposition:

> I was told to report, on Aug. 25, to Langley Air Force base to learn to fly B-26S. I was there for eight weeks. We were sent from there to Camp Stoneman, for processing. At Camp Stoneman I was inoculated for typhoid fever, typhus, cholera and small pox. We left the U.S. by airplane and arrived in Japan on Nov. 27. . . . On the 30th we were sent to Kunsan air base, . . . On Dec. 17, 1951, I reported to the 8th Squadron orderly room and saw my name on the bulletin board to attend a lecture the next day at 9 o'clock. . . . He started his lecture by telling us his lecture was on biological warfare. . . .

INS did not mention Enoch; Enoch's facts have not been refuted.

Washington waves Hydogen Bomb

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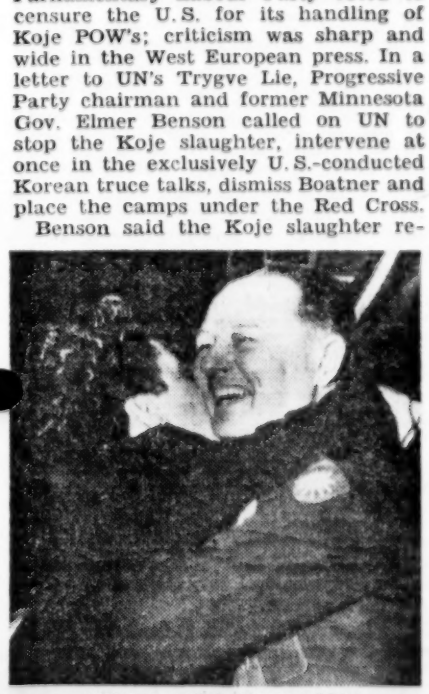
"SO-CALLED CRIMINALS": Britain's Parliamentary Labour Party voted to censure the U.S. for its handling of Koje POW's; criticism was sharp and wide in the West European press. In a letter to UN's Trygve Lie, Progressive Party chairman and former Minnesota Gov. Elmer Benson called on UN to stop the Koje slaughter, intervene at once in the exclusively U.S.-conducted Korean truce talks, dismiss Boatner and place the camps under the Red Cross.

Benson said the Koje slaughter reminded him of facts that came out in the Nuremberg trials. In West Germany the Koje episode moved the militaristic **German Future** to comment that Americans were finding out that "humane Western principles cannot be applied in the treatment of Communist POW's"; if the U.S. had not been "so naive," it would not have treated Germany's "so-called war criminals" so harshly in 1945.



GEN. & MRS. HUDELSON
This is better than war

Meanwhile a Congressional hearing brought out that the since-demoted Koje commanders Gens. Dodd and Colson, who promised the POW's there would be "no more forcible screening" after they held Dodd hostage, had been vindicated by an army board of inquiry; the board had been overruled by Gen. Clark. But Sgt. C. D. Chase of Salt Lake City, who in a letter to Clark called his repudiation of the promise to the POW's "among the most repugnant and disgraceful acts against the decency of man" and said history would rank Koje with Dachau and Buchenwald, was ordered court-martialed.

U.S. "CAN'T WIN": With Korean truce talks deadlocked following the U.S. ultimatum on return of POW's, Gen. Daniel Hudelson was formally reprimanded for telling reporters on arrival home from two years at the front that "we simply don't have the manpower" to win the war, nor was he sure "why we are even fighting." The day before he was reprimanded, both Taft and Eisenhower had said substantially the same thing, advocating that South Korean forces be "built up" and the U.S. get out of Korea: it was "too late" to bomb China (Taft); crossing the Yalu would be "political failure" (Eisenhower).

Gen. Hudelson said wearily (**NYT,** 6/10) that Army Secy. Pace, who disputed his view,

> . . . undoubtedly has access to information not available to a poor, broken-down commander from Korea. I was speaking only from personal experience.

Europe: dim view India: even dimmer

FROM Right to Left in West Europe, enthusiasm for the treaties (initialed but unratified) which would rearm Germany and make it another potential Korea could almost nowhere be found outside German neo-Nazi circles.

In Germany, Chancellor Adenauer's allies rebelled "against being manipulated like 'puppets,'" while Social Democrats sought a court ruling on the legality of rearming (**NYT,** 6/11). The French cabinet—presumably with British approval, though Britain's Foreign Office was "aloof and cautious" when questioned about it—proposed a four-power conference on Germany with the U.S.S.R. After a visit from the U.S. Ambassador they quickly modified the proposal to a meeting of deputies rather than of foreign ministers. But German opposition parties, "strengthened greatly" by the French proposal, saw in it (**NYT,** 6/13)

> . . . a chance, perhaps the last one, [to explore possibilities] of reaching an agreement with the Soviets on Germany unity.

THROUGH THE WINDOW: Britain's Labour Party, in a foreign policy statement showing the growth of "Bevanite" influence, demanded delay in ratification of the Bonn agreements. French liberals feared that continued yielding to Washington pressures would end in ratification unless there were

> . . . a regrouping [of individuals] having in view common, limited action—by those in all parties from Right to Left—who understand the absurdity and gravity of the decisions being taken, (Observateur, 5/29).

The French Left saw Washington's program this way (Pierre Courtade in **Parallele Cinquante,** 5/29):

> Within a few days 30 German generals will clatter their top-boots on the premises of the Louveciennes HQ where Ridgway has just hung up his grenade. French soldiers will present arms to Speidel to the strains of Deutschland Ueber Alles. And forward to the reconquest of the Great Reich's frontiers "from the Meuse to the Niemen." Forward the civilization of Comics & Crematories, Inc.; forward for Our Lord and for the free market in cotton and wool and the free exploitation of coolies. Forward for our sacred American

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Speak up!

In reply to a message to Senate Foreign Relations Comm. chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.), urging that Truman's "hurry-up orders" to ratify the German treaties be rejected and "the American people heard," the American Labor Party was informed last week by the committee that hearings are continuing and "requests to testify from non-Government witnesses" will be "considered."

The GUARDIAN reminds progressive organizations that now is the time to request permission to testify—or forever hold their peace on German rearmament.

MME. PANDIT WITH YOUNG "ENTHUSIASTS" IN CHINA
The delegation was impressed

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way of life. Forward—like Forrestal, forward through the window.

Faced with the popular pressure reflected in West European hesitancy to sign the treaties, Secy. Acheson hastily summoned the British and French ambassadors for separate interviews in an attempt to restore "unity," and decided to fly the Atlantic for another top-level conference in London this month.

NEHRU'S STAND: Most discouraging for Washington was the picture it confronted in the Far East. In India, key country in "free world" alliance plans, Premier Nehru made a major foreign policy statement under questioning by progressive members of parliament led by Prof. Hiren Mukherji. Nehru:

- Called the Atlantic alliance "a degenerating body perpetuating colonialism";
- Called on all governments to take a public stand against atom weapons, germ warfare, H-bombs;
- Said UN "has swerved from its original moorings and become the protector of colonialism," and Asian and African nations might finally decide they were better off outside it;
- Criticized UN's failure to discuss Tunisia, though all Asian-African countries wanted to discuss it;
- Appealed to Asian countries to stay neutral in case of war between the West and Russia;
- Urged UN members to consider the "undesirability" of having any association with the Rhee regime in Korea;
- Justified India's remaining within the British Commonwealth and taking economic aid from the West.

Socialists make hay as West worries

KEY to the whole developing world picture was the rapid progress, daily harder to conceal, of the socialist countries while West Europe feared economic collapse and the U. S. feared depression when war production tapers down. Returning from an official goodwill mission to China, pro-U. S. Mrs. Pandit, Nehru's sister and former ambassador to Washington, gave qualified affirmation to the reports of earlier unofficial missions. "The Chinese Communist government has come to stay," she said (**NYT**, 6/11);

. . . the mission was impressed by an atmosphere of contagious enthusiasm, adding that the visitors considered outstanding what the Chinese had done in the way of land reform and emancipation of women.

The Labour Party, now clearly representing the majority in Britain, in its foreign policy statement added to Washington's embarrassment by pledging to strive for China's admission to UN when the party returns to power; and by calling it

. . . clearly a travesty that the delegate from the rump regime of Chiang Kai-shek should speak in the UN in the name of the Chinese people who have rejected him.

PRICE OF NO TRADE: Washington's bans on trade with the socialist countries took its announced aims to "strengthen the free world" daily further from reality. In a UN press conference last week India's P. S. Lokanathan, head of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, spoke sardonically of the possibility of Japan living without trade with China:

"If you are able to pay the price for non-trading, you are welcome to it."

In the same press conference Gunnar Myrdal, head of UN's Economic Commission for Europe, called "a favorable omen for the work we are doing" the fact that at the recent Moscow Economic Conference

". . . many Eastern countries, and quite specifically the Soviet Union, actually gave what I have been asking for for many years, namely lists, quantities, and information about quantities, which the Soviet Union under certain circumstances would be prepared to buy and sell. . . . [But] every time you restrict trade . . . we have to pay a price in lower efficiency of our economy."

TWO WORLDS: In the UN economic debate Britain and Canada showed their fears that Washington would finally pull down the Western house of cards with further import restrictions; France came out flatly for renewal of East-West trade, and Sweden—a nonmember of the Atlantic Pact which has recently almost doubled its trade with the East—blamed world instability on

Canard Enchaine, Paris
"Easier said than done!"

East-West trade contraction. The Philippines stressed "distortion" of world economy by the arms drive.

Proof of the favorable response to the Moscow conference from both industrialized and under-developed countries was seen in the French position and the purchase of 100,000 tons of steel by Pakistan, which could not get it from the West because of arms priorities.

While Washington ties faced Western countries with economic disaster, the U. S. S. R. with its planned economy celebrated completion of the Volga-Don Canal lock system joining Russia's two great waterways over a 289-foot hump, and announced that the "huge new Gorki hydroelectric development on the Volga" (**NYT**, 6/4) was nearing completion. **Newsweek** had already glumly reported (2/11):

U. S. interrogators of deserters from Russia are concerned by the fact that almost no recent escapees have had working-class backgrounds. One obvious but unwelcome conclusion: The Soviets have improved living conditions enough to keep the workers relatively satisfied.

HOW MANY EGGS? U. S. blacklisting of 87 West German concerns for "improper trade" with companies to the East indicated the "seriousness U. S. officials attached to the apparent predilection of West German businessmen to trade with the Communist-dominated East" (**NYT** from Bonn). In Japan, the government for Washington's benefit shrugged off as invalid an $84 million barter deal with China made by three prominent Japanese political figures; but the Japan Foreign Trade Council (claiming a membership of 500 trade firms and 500 manufacturers) called for relaxation of trade curbs so they could export cotton yarn, textiles, textile machinery, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals etc. to China.

China announced new national records in coal cutting, accident-free railroad operation and steamboat haulage; signing of $223 million trade agreements with ten capitalist countries as a result of the Moscow conference; and domestic price cuts up to 44% on thousands of consumer items. **People's China** (5/16) followed a typical worker's wife, Mrs. Yuan Chih-hsing, on a shopping expedition in April:

. . . She bought a pair of socks for each of her children in school, a shirt for her husband, a floral print dress-length for herself and many other household items. Then she pushed her way out, smiling broadly. She had good reason to be happy. Under the Kuomintang, her husband's monthly wage had been equal to 180 kg. of millet in value. Now it can buy 360 kg. . . . In Peking the best beef (fillet steak) costs the equivalent of 20c in U. S. money a pound, freshest eggs 15c a dozen.

Visiting a village near Peking, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Britain's Dean of Canterbury (**New China News Agency**, 5/29) was

. . . greeted under the huge lime tree in the centre of the village [by] peasants [who] left their fields, pupils their classes, women their homes carrying their babies. . . . "We [in Britain] are allowed only one egg a week now," Mrs. Johnson remarked as she and the Dean sat down at a table laden with boiled eggs and other foods.

In Britain, "rapidly drifting into economic crisis" (**New Statesman & Nation**, 6/14), Aneurin Bevan talked to 10,000 Scottish workers about the British unemployment resulting from U. S. control and distortion of Japanese and German trade. He asked (**NYT**, 6/16):

"Against whom is the cold war being conducted—Britain or the Soviet Union?"

UNITED NATIONS

Mrs. Roosevelt votes 'no' on equal rights

IN a single week Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt approved the statement by **UP** chief Hugh Baillie that the A-bomb is a "humane" weapon, and as delegate for the U. S. voted "no" on an article guaranteeing equal legal rights in UN's proposed Human Rights Covenant—thereby refusing to implement the civil rights clause of the covenant. It passed 11 to 6 over her vote with Australia, Sweden, Belgium, France and Britain joining the U. S. against it. Mrs. Roosevelt said that since the principle was already stated elsewhere, it was not necessary to write out its specific uses.

In a statement by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois released by the Progressive Party, the veteran scholar-statesman who was a consultant to the U. S. delegation at UN's founding in 1945, and who will be the keynoter at the PP convention July 4, said the vote

. . . puts the American people in the deplorable position of being voted down in an international forum on a fundamental civil rights issue which represents the aspirations of millions of oppressed people throughout the world.

The colored peoples of the world especially, who are struggling for self-determination, will not forget this unfortunate added evidence of their betrayal at the hands of the U. S. Mrs. Roosevelt, as the U. S. delegate to the Human Rights Commission, has not only refused to give leadership to the world-wide fight for equality before the law that this clause represents, but has also joined the minority of colonial imperialist nations actively fighting such a right.

U. S. policy-makers, DuBois charged, are afraid of this clause because the Administration has abandoned its civil liberties program.

Mrs. Roosevelt Backs A-Bomb As Humane

N. Y. World Telegram & Sun, June 5, 1952

ECONOMY

Wage-cut drive on as steel stalls

WASHINGTON wrangled over the steel strike: the President asked Congress for power to seize the mills, the Senate "requested" him to use Taft-Hartley. (Had they made it mandatory, Truman could use the axe without taking responsibility in an election year.)

Steelworker-millowner negotiations had broken down; wages, union security and fringe benefits were the issue, according to CIO pres. Philip Murray, union shop according to the companies. With steel on hand for at least a month, the companies, confident of a good price rise and eager to cripple the union, had little to lose. The workers, getting no benefits from the union, needed all the labor solidarity they could get to win.

"SERIOUS THINKING": The strike looked like an opening skirmish in an all-out offensive by business. **Business Week** wrote (6/7):

At long last there seems to be starting some serious thinking about what will surely be the source of tomorrow's big labor problems. Tomorrow will arrive for each industry when recessive pressures, already felt throughout the economy, become strong enough to make it imperative that an industry cut labor costs.

Tomorrow had already dawned in textiles, the magazine said. It warned business the battle to cut wages would not be easy, that it was not true that

. . . economic recession will bring an end to mass unionism. . . . Some of the biggest battles in labor history have been fought not FOR higher wages, but AGAINST wage cuts.

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CHICAGOANS!

The Progressive Party Convention Needs

- HOUSING: Have you a spare bed or bedroom? How about your neighbors? House a delegate or delegates for the July 4 weekend.
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LABOR

Uneasy union leaders seek way out of war trap

By Ewart Guinier

Secy.-treas., United Public Workers; Vice-chairman, American Labor Party

WHERE does U.S. labor stand after two years of war, now the boom has begun to fail and realization grows that the country faces not war OR depression but war AND depression?

The leaders of AFL, CIO and the railway brotherhoods hopped on the bandwagon of mobilization, sponsored the Truman Doctrine throughout the world, beat down or expelled its opponents. But these same leaders now voice a sober second thought: an uneasiness, and in some cases a positive peaceful alternative. This indicates where the rank and file, voicing its own demands, has led them.

George M. Harrison, grand pres. of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, wrote in the **Nation** June 14:

> The issue as I see it, is to check the economic royalists before they bring the world down around our ears. . . . Our own profiteers have made it possible for the Russians to argue, with increasing effect, that our paramount interest is profits at the expense of the world. Abroad there is growing mistrust. At home there is growing fear that big-business control of our rearmament program may produce a degree of counter-armament that can only end up in war.

STEELWORKERS LOOK AHEAD: Harrison's is not a lone voice. The CIO United Steel Workers at their last convention put their second thoughts into a resolution, passed overwhelmingly. It read in part:

> The kind of prosperity resulting from this type of an economy [arms boom] rests on a shaky foundation. . . . Military spending is economically wasteful, adds nothing to national growth and does not increase our standard of living.

The resolution then cites the economy's "soft spots," "serious local unemployment," declining purchasing power; and projects a program

> . . . against the day when spending for national security tapers off, and in order to solve the problems which have already arisen measures must be readied and placed in effect to take up the slack.

The program includes a minimum wage raised from 75c to $1.25; public works undertakings on highways, recreation and health facilities; expanded social security to protect more of the unemployed with greater benefits running for 52 weeks; raised tax exemption for the lower-bracket taxpayer; expansion of TVA power projects. The resolution concludes with alarm that we can't "permit another depression."

THE MORASS: The question of peace is not posed in porkchops alone. Pres. Earl W. Jimerson and secy.-treas. Patrick E. Gorman of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, who prefaced their editorial in the union's paper by saying "we're sure as hell not communists," declared the U.S.S.R. and U.S. can live together peacefully and called for a big-power peace conference "come hell or high water." The CIO Packinghouse Workers, convening in May, resolved:

> We as working men and women knowing that it is the common man, the common woman, the working men and women in factory, fileld or mine, who suffer first and most from the evils of war, feel that we cannot stand silently by while the nations of the world dig themselves deeper and deeper into a morass in which they render themselves helpless to prevent their own self-destruction.

The Packinghouse Workers then called on the nations to join in declaring that "war is unthinkable as a solution." Meanwhile the great stirring for peace and hardening opposition to the war "morass" among America's Negro people was voiced at the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention at Atlantic City last month by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, Baptist minister and pres. of the government-supported Howard University. World peace, he said, could be achieved if we recognized the "good thing in communism—their belief that a world-wide conquest of the struggle for existence is possible."

All in favor of dying in bed

Hundreds of thousands of German trade unionists protested in Munich against the policies of Bonn Chancellor Adenauer. The cross, topped with a GI helmet, is inscribed: "U.S. Adenauer—for him we are supposed to fight and die."

FACE THESE ISSUES: Hugo Ernst, general pres. of the AFL Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders Intl. Union, joining the **Nation**'s symposium on labor and the elections summed up "the vast uneasiness" of the country: "recurring reports of acts of downright fascist violence against Negroes, Jews and Spanish-Americans," the army's request for more funds to track down soldiers "over the hill." He cited **Argosy**'s poll which showed that what eight out of ten Americans wanted to see most was: "WAR ENDED FOREVER."

Ernst listed these as the issues facing political conventions:

- While most families are caught in a net of frozen wages and rising prices, corporations continue to swell, like the frog in the fairy tale, with each new quarterly report.
- The tax structure which adds a heavy burden of indirect taxes to the already heavy direct taxes paid by the people while lobbyists devise new loopholes for the big fellows.
- Shelving of the Fair Deal by the same Congress which continues to ladle out giant subsidies to industry, thus turning the nation's wealth over to monopoly.
- Mounting expressions of alarm from thoughtful people who see present policies as leading either to war or depression and who don't want war as a "solution" for depression.
- The anti-labor climate fostered by the Taft-Hartley Act, epitomized in the steel crisis.
- The present moratorium on social progress—public housing, security for the aged, health insurance, federal aid to education, public power, flood control.
- The series of murderous assaults on Negroes.

AFL's Ernst predicted that labor would not vote Republican, but that unless the Democrats faced these issues squarely labor would "sit this one out."

GOOD THINGS OF PEACE: John L. Lewis and Amalgamated's Frank Rosenblum have talked like Ernst. The unions that were expelled from CIO for those views still hold them. Labor's nearly unanimous view is then clearly on the record: for peace and a peacetime economy.

If labor's official leaders speak out so openly, it must be assumed the rank and file is pressing from a position even more decisively pro-peace. This is not to say that these declarations will be put into practice. But labor has pointed the direction in which it wants to move. If, instead of moving, it "sits this one out," it will be for lack of leadership.

This same position which labor now holds, this program of peace—in terms of the goods that peace can mean—is part of the program of the Progressive Party. In 1950 the GUARDIAN published an article of mine proposing just such a program. This year the GUARDIAN (May 1) has amplified it in articles by Tabitha Petran and Victor Perlo: $1.50 minimum wage, 35-hour week, pensions of $150 a month for all over 65; $50 a week unemployment insurance; maternity care; schools, housing, flood control, seven river projects, reopened foreign trade—a program possible with far less expenditure than the present wasteful war program.

We are joined by other groups like the Methodist Fedn. for Social Action. The Negro people in particular are clamoring for the schools, hospitals, roads, houses, jobs they need not "when national spending tapers off" but now.

FRUIT ON THE TREE: In this election year when even generals who run for office must campaign for "peace and security," peace to be meaningful must be more than pacifist. Certainly there must be campaigns for big-power conferences, for an end to the war in Korea—but the campaigns for FEPC, for decent housing, for jobs must be waged as campaigns for peace. That is the tree on which the fruit hangs.

We progressives now find the majority on our side. We have talked for a long time about winning rank-and-file labor and the Negro people to the progressive side. But it seems to me that before they join us, we must join them.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Mexican-Americans boost PP in N. M.

THE Progressive Party of New Mexico helped gain victory for the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers in their 18-months strike at Bayard; raised some of the $110,000 bail money for leaders and their wives now facing prosecution for their strike activities. The party was attacked by Raton and Santa Fe newspapers and its leaders named by informers before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

With the heat still on, the PP's Craig Vincent, running in the Democratic primary for State Representative, polled 20% of the vote; ran first in five precincts, second in two, third in five, tied for third in two, made out well in 14 out of 29 precincts. Almost all his support came from Mexican-Americans.

His campaign forced the winning candidate to promise the Taos Non-Partisan Citizens' Committee he would carry the PP's local program. A candidate for Justice of the Peace, under Vincent's pressure, promised that Indians would have interpreters in court.

PENNSYLVANIA: Following up the PP's support of the steel strikers, the Pennsylvania PP last week turned over most of its regular Friday night radio broadcast to an interview with two strikers. PP is on the air every Friday, 8:30 p.m., Station WHAT, 1340 on dial.

NEW YORK: In Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant area, predominantly Negro, the American Labor Party declared its willingness to support a Negro candidate for Congress on any ticket: Democrat, Republican or Liberal Party. If other parties failed to select a Negro candidate, ALP said, it would run a Negro on its own line.

THELMA DALE

A statement containing the pledge, and pointing out that Brooklyn has never had a real opportunity to elect a Negro to Congress, will go out to every voter in the area signed by chairman Ada B. Jackson and exec.-secy. Antonio Tully, ALP Bedford-Stuyvesant Council.

DIST. OF COLUMBIA: At its fourth annual convention the District of Columbia PP charted a campaign to support PP's national peace program, another to rally the district's voteless population on local issues: Negro representation in the D.C. government, abolition of jimcrow in jobs, schools, housing, recreation, all public places; lower fares and utility rates, end of the sales tax. PP-D.C. members will help ballot petition campaigns in Maryland and Virginia.

The convention, opened by PP asst. campaign manager Thelma Dale, heard natl. committee member Mrs. Senora Lawson and Henry Moss, PP's organizing director in the south. The convention elected 20 delegates to the Chicago convention July 4.

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PP Vice-Presidential candidate Mrs. Charlotta Bass, now on her western tour, will speak at:

Portland, Ore., June 22; Seattle, Washington, 24th; Tacoma, Wash., 25th; Richmond, Calif., 27th; Los Angeles, 29th.

PP challenges TV convention blackout

THE nation's big four TV networks (CBS, NBC, Mutual, ABC) advertise gavel-to gavel coverage of the GOP and Democratic conventions, 96 hours for each party. The Progressive Party convention has been allotted 15 minutes.

Charging discrimination, the PP last week took action against the networks before the Federal Communications Comm. and the Atty. General. It claimed the networks' contracts with convention sponsors (Westinghouse, Philco, Admiral TV), limiting coverage to Republican and Democratic parties, violated the Corrupt Practices Act, the Hatch Act and FCC rules guaranteeing equal rights to all parties. Last May FCC in a similar case granted air privileges to Wm. R. Schneider, outside candidate for the GOP Presidential nomination.

The networks argue that the only newsworthy issue of the conventions is the selection of candidates; and since the PP Halinnan-Bass ticket is virtually decided, the convention is not "newsworthy." The 1948 PP convention, similarly without a race, received 16 hours of air time.

HAVE YOU RETURNED THAT YELLOW ENVELOPE TO US?

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U. S. News (6/6) predicting a recession by the end of 1953 with unemployment rising from 1.7 to 4.7 million, asked: "Are unions slipping?" It reported that while the labor force had grown from 40.5 to 46.2 million since 1946, union membership stayed the same: 14.5 million.

THE LAW

Ex-cop, killer of 2 Negroes, 'not guilty'

STANLEY LaBENSKY, Yonkers, N. Y., ex-cop who killed two Negroes March 19 after protesting their presence in the same tavern with him, was free last week after a 12-day trial on first-degree murder charges. The all-white jury returned a not-guilty verdict after 8½ hours' deliberation. LaBensky pleaded self-defense, said one of his victims held what he thought was a knife (both were un-armed), and that he was struck on the head; he admitted he had been drinking heavily for some hours before the shooting. An eye-witness testified LaBensky fired without provocation, and a doctor attached to the DA's office said the ex-cop bore no mark of a blow. The **N. Y. Post** reported that Judge James W. Liddle

> . . . told the jurors the killing was justified if LaBensky believed he was about to be attacked, even if the apparent evidence of such intention proved false later.

"COLD-BLOODED KILLINGS": To the Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People, which had successfully fought for a first-degree murder indictment, the verdict was "shocking." Exec. secy. Walter White wired Gov. Dewey

> . . . to appoint immediately a committee to investigate the conditions in Westchester County which have led to a series of gross miscarriages of justice, the latest being the acquittal of LaBensky. . . . The cold-blooded killing of five Negroes during the past three years, the beatings of other Negroes, vandalism against Jewish homes and other crimes based on racial and religious bigotry have created a situation in Westchester County which is a grave peril to enforcement of law.

The Civil Rights Congress warned of a complete breakdown of "N. Y. State protection of rights of the Negro people in Westchester County"; demanded a Justice Dept. investigation of "this white-washing"; said "an emergency delegation of Negro and white trade union leaders and other people's leaders" would go to Washington early in the week. CRC head William L. Patterson called urgently for

> . . . unity in action of the Negro people and the most resolute, determined struggle by white Americans who refuse to be degraded by the poison of white-supremacy [to] bring this wave of genocidal terror to an end.

The American Labor Party, demanding that Gov. Dewey set up a state commission to make a state-wide survey of violations of Negro civil rights, said the acquittal

> . . . shockingly emphasizes the need for prompt action on federal, state and local levels to halt the legalized murder of Negroes and to insure full, first-class citizenship for the Negro people.

NEWSON RE-TRIAL: In Oakland, Calif., attorneys for Jerry Newson, 20-year-old Negro standing his third trial on a double murder charge, accused trial judge Sherrill Halbert of misconduct and protested his "derogatory and insulting" remarks to them. When the judge said: "I want to be fair to this defendant," spectators broke into bitter laughter. Newson, who is defended by the CRC, had his first conviction reversed on appeal; his second trial ended in a hung jury with a majority holding out for acquittal.

STATE OF THE UNION: According to **Jet**, a Negro publication, dogs in Atlanta, Ga., owned by Negroes can no longer be tested for rabies in the same laboratory used for dogs owned by whites.

FREEDOMS

People rally to Robeson on tour

LAST month Paul Robeson set off on a coast-to-coast tour in behalf of **Freedom** (53 W. 125th St., New York 27), the monthly paper whose editorial board he heads and whose current issue tells the full story of the tour. In nearly all places his appearance involved a battle for civil rights, most of them won. In Minneapolis, where his concert was canceled because no hall could be rented, a citizens' committee was formed to guarantee his appearance next fall. Canada denied him entry but 40,000 Canadians came to the border to hear him sing.

PAUL ROBESON
They came to hear

Court action won him the use of Seattle's Civic Auditorium; public action won use of Berkeley's Community Center where 3,500 heard him speak and sing. Obstacles to his appearance were battered down in San Francisco and Los Angeles. In Chicago a record-breaking 13,000 crowded Washington Park for an outdoor concert.

2,998 TO 2: One of his most dramatic appearances was before the Quadrennial Conference of the AME Zion Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., attended by 3,000 representing 600,000 church members; he was preceded on the platform by Mrs. Edith Sampson, Washington UN delegate recently returned from a European tour describing the joys and "big shiny Cadillacs" of Negroes in the U. S. (GUARDIAN, Feb. 13). Unlisted on the program, Robeson sang the old church hymns, re-enacted with a group the church's old struggle against slavery. Mrs. Sampson complained that she had been tricked into sharing a platform with him. Robeson concluded with a declaration that he always has fought, and always will, for the world's oppressed peoples. Senior Bishop William J. Walls interrupted the applause to put a question:

> "Every one here who is in favor of having Mr. Robeson's passport returned to him, stand up on your feet."

Only two persons remained seated: Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Ruth Whitehead Whaley, secy. to New York City's Board of Estimate.

CALENDAR

Chicago

MASS PROTEST RALLY on 2nd anniversary of outbreak of war in Korea, Wed., June 25, 8 p.m., Temple Hall, 330 S. Marshfield. Prominent national speakers. **END KOREAN WAR NOW!** Adm: 74c, tax inc.

A. S. P. PRESENTS: Three Students' Search for Academic Freedom—Chicago Maroon Purge, Fri., June 20, 8 p.m.; Miller's "An Enemy of the People," a review by A. S. P. Group, Fri. & Sat., June 27-28, 8 p.m. All events at A. S. P. Center, 946 N. Clark St. Adm. to members 48c, non-members 60c.

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ALL DAY PICNIC at beautiful Nature Friends Camp, Midvale, N. J., Sun., July 13. Swimming, sports, entertainment. **GUEST OF HONOR: WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.** Donation: $1. Auspices: Civil Rights Congress of New Jersey.

Berkeley, Calif.

SIDNEY ROGER will resume his analysis of the news, every Tues. at 8:15 at new ASP Art Center, 5919 Grove. Donation: 50c.

Portland, Oregon

PROGRESSIVE PARTY MEETING, Sun., June 22, 8 p.m. (daylight time), Norse Hall, 11th & Couch. Guest of honor: Mrs. Charlotta Bass, first candidate for national office to appear in Oregon. Fill your car, bring all your friends.

Los Angeles

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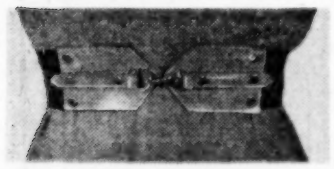

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. . . their comrades of every day, Communists or otherwise, fighters for peace or otherwise, Christians or otherwise, to express their sincere aspirations for work and liberty in peace.

The priests were arrested as they were tending a wounded demonstrator in the street; spent the night in cells after being kicked and clubbed; and were "interrogated" as follows next morning:

"You a priest! I am a former seminary student. You—you're a partisan of violence instead of brotherhood."

At this the officer took a metal demonstration placard and struck Abbe Cagne with it.

"I have never preached violence, but I can understand my comrades when there is provocation."

"Haven't you had enough, you swine, red preacher—your pope is in Moscow, you'll see!"

The officer opened a cupboard, took out a club and struck the Abbe several times, saying: "I respect the priest, but not the man."

"It's the man you ought to respect."

"Well, we're all brothers; you are our brother."

"How do you think I am to believe in your brotherhood? Since I have been with you, you have been beating me. What does me the greatest hurt is that you call yourselves Christians, that you go to mass, to 'communion' — and that you strike me, a priest."

"I'll write to Msgr. Feltin [Archbishop of Paris]."

"Do so — he will listen to you, but he'll listen to us too."

"Communists!"

"Yesterday I met many Christians who are not Communists, and other worker-preachers."

"I used to admire worker-preachers, but now wherever I go I shall do everything possible against you. You must say some fine masses! In illegality, against orders. . . . Well? You'll see how it will be with the Soviets."

"Since last night I fear them no longer. It could not be worse than this."

The Abbe made no further replies for fear of more blows. Next it was the turn of Abbe Bouyer:

"Mad priest! Bandit, stalinist priest, you want to destroy religion!"

Blows with the club on his back followed. Then:

"Where were you yesterday?"

"With my comrades—and when I was arrested I was tending a wounded man."

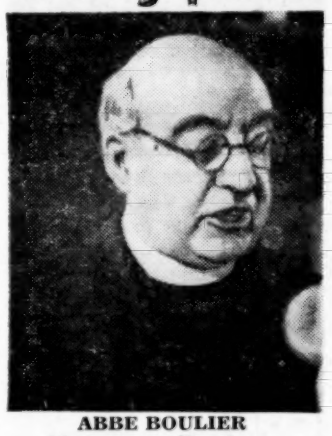
"You swine, you don't preach love but violence." (Showing the metal staff of a demonstration sign*) "And you approve of this?"

"No, I don't approve of it, but I understand it."

"Oh, you don't approve of it?" With that the officer gave him a blow in the stomach.

"Go on, get out of here, get out. . . !"

The Abbe left, getting a final violent kick in the loins, "the most painful of all."



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Archbishop Feltin formally protested against the "treatment unworthy of human beings" given the two priests. Police chief Baylot "formally denied the assertions," informed the Archbishop in a publicly-released letter that the priests had "undoubtedly become Communist tools."

* Presumably the "weapons" used by the demonstrators to defend themselves against the police.

Father Duffy's challenge

By Cedric Belfrage

FATHER CLARENCE E. DUFFY is an active fighter for peace far too little recognized in the progressive movement—a Roman Catholic priest who, squarely challenging the might of organized "religion," preaches the undiluted message of the Nazarene and ranks as one of the most courageous men in today's America. Progressives should get his new peace pamphlet into the hands of every church-going neighbor—and there are hundreds of thousands of these in the U. S. whose hearts are troubled by the contrast between what the churches say and what they do. No current writing from any secular source treats the subject of peace more uncompromisingly, none with such depth and warmth of feeling. The pamphlet includes an article from the GUARDIAN, a speech before the ALP and down-to-earth "proposals for a democratic program."

Taking as a model France's Abbe Jean Boulier—who "is following in the footsteps of his Master" in associating himself with the Left in the peace fight, as opposed to "so-called Christians mouthing the word 'peace' whose actions belie their hypocritical, vicious and deceitful double-talk"—Duffy calls on thousands of disturbed but timorous priests of his faith to

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